

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING PHILLIPS  
DINER ON ITS DESIGNATION AS  
A HISTORIC BUSINESS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an incredible North Country establishment that has been recognized as a historic business, Phillips Diner in Ogdensburg. Phillips Diner has been named to the New York State Historic Preservation Registry for operating for over fifty years and contributes greatly to the Ogdensburg community.

Phillips Diner has been owned and operated by members of the Phillips family since 1948. In 1930, the Diner got its start as the Theater Dining Car and was owned by M&F Dining Corp. The restaurant quickly became a favorite dining spot for those seeing a movie at the Strand Theater located next door. In 1948, Russell and Ollie Phillips purchased the Theater Dining Car with their son, Bud, and renamed it Phillips Diner. Phillips Diner was extremely successful for several decades, until a devastating fire destroyed the building in 1970. Not discouraged by this setback, the Phillips family rebuilt and opened once again in 1973, proudly serving their community ever since.

The Diner is now owned and operated by Judi Ashley, the granddaughter of the original owners, and her husband. Over seventy years later, the diner staff still use Russell and Ollie's original recipes to prepare their famous dishes. Phillips Diner is a true community staple priding themselves on serving great meals at a great value.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the rich history of Phillips Diner. This establishment has been an important asset to the Ogdensburg community for several decades and will undoubtedly continue to provide service for many more to come. Congratulations to Phillips Diner for their recognition on the New York State Historic Preservation Registry.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF HALEY  
BISKUP ON HER OFFER OF AP-  
POINTMENT TO ATTEND THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Haley Biskup of Whitehouse, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Haley's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Haley brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Open Door Christian School in Elyria, Ohio, Haley participated in Patriot Service Club, was a student ambassador, and was a member of National Honor Society. Throughout high school, Haley was involved with volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading, earning a varsity letter in all three.

After graduating Open Door Christian School in 2020, Haley attended Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio and studied science. She then went on to attend the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Haley Biskup on her offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Haley will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING DOMINION WOMAN'S  
CLUB

**HON. JENNIFER WEXTON**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I am honored to use this time to recognize the 15th anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Dominion Woman's Club (DWC) in Virginia's 10th District. The DWC is a volunteer organization in Prince William and Fauquier Counties that is dedicated to improving our community by advocating for critical issues and providing volunteer services. Some of the DWC's work has involved supporting our schools and libraries, meeting the needs of the underserved, calling attention to the problems of child and domestic abuse, and working to promote conservation through volunteer service.

The DWC was founded in 2007 under the guidance of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia (GFWC-VA). The GFWC-VA, founded in 1890, focuses on promoting culture and education, increasing domestic abuse awareness, and establishing smaller, local clubs across Virginia. The DWC's first President was Nanette McKeel Petrella, and many current members credit the club's early success to her leadership and vision.

Today, the DWC supports a wide variety of organizations and groups across Prince William and Fauquier Counties, including Bull Run Mountain Conservancy, Leopold's Preserve, the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry, PACE West School, Suella Gilbert Ellis Elementary, Gravely Elementary, Friends of Homeless Animals and more. The members of the club come from a variety of backgrounds, including teachers, counselors, professional women, moms, and women involved in various communal volunteer organizations. While their levels of participation and interests may vary, each member shares the common goal of empowering one another through community service.

The club's current board, led by President Martha Feeney, has done an admirable job of guiding the club during the COVID-19 pandemic. She implemented creative methods to navigate remote outreach and ensured that the club's community impact remained resilient. Under their leadership in 2021, the club participated in 42 volunteer programs, contributed 4,734 volunteer hours, and donated over \$20,000, including in-kind donations, to fund their community outreaches.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the GFWC Dominion Woman's Club for its steadfast commitment to serving our community for the past 15 years. I wish the women of this entire organization all the best in their future endeavors and commend their desire to "be the change that you wish to see."

COMMENDING AND CONGRATU-  
LATING STEPHANE CAMACHO  
CONCEPCION ON BEING SE-  
LECTED AS THE 2023 GUAM DE-  
PARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Stephane Camacho Concepcion on being selected as the 2023 Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Teacher of the Year. Stephane is an exceptional teacher whose passion for service, dedication to our youth, and commitment to holistic community growth have and continue to leave a lasting impact on our people, island, and future.

The prestigious Teacher of the Year Program has recognized teachers in Guam since 1969 for their excellence in teaching and contributions to community. In addition to highlighting both teachers' extraordinary work and the importance of a quality education system, the national platform provides educators with unique opportunities to represent and lead our district in elevating its classroom standards and practices. After a rigorous nomination, evaluation, and observation process,

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Stephane was selected from among six finalists and now joins a cohort of esteemed teachers from across the nation as Talofoto Elementary School's first award recipient in 52 years.

Early in life, Stephane understood the value of education; growing up, her mother, grandparents, and mentors made it a point to emphasize that learning should be a priority. Yet it wasn't just a lesson she was told—it is a fundamental truth she witnessed firsthand. As a young girl, Stephane routinely helped prepare her aunt's classroom for the new school year and saw how her dedication outside of it deeply affected the lives of her students. Stephane's first-grade teacher also drew compelling connections between education and fun that further nurtured her love for learning and desire to make a difference. Paired with her aspirations for purpose-driven service, these formative experiences propelled Stephane onto a path that similarly shapes children's educational journeys. After receiving her high school diploma at the Guam Community College, she earned a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from the University of Guam (UOG). She then returned to the university and went on to obtain two master's degrees in both Administration & Supervision and Reading.

Today, Stephane celebrates over 16 years of teaching with GDOE and as demonstrated throughout her career, she has and continues to both redefine and reimagine the vital role of a teacher in empowering communities. Beyond ensuring her students are adequately supported with uniquely tailored instructional styles and assistance, her leadership within the larger school system has meaningfully contributed to improving the learning experience for countless Guam students. As both a curriculum coordinator and school site instructional coach, Stephane has extensively collaborated with educators across the island, advocated for the evolving needs of our children, and worked diligently to stand up a robust school community by cultivating greater relationships and communication with parents, faculty, staff, and students.

On behalf of the People of Guam, I would like to extend a sincere congratulations to Stephane Camacho Concepcion. Her unwavering commitment to collaboration, collective progress, and student-centered success both underscores the criticality of education for all and inspires learners and educators alike to similarly rise as catalysts for positive transformation. Stephane's selflessness, passion, and determination to meet students where they are to best help them get to where they can and dream to be offers renewed hope in the achievements we can realize through heart and hard work, and I wish her the best on the rest of her professional journey.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF J. ROY ROWLAND

**HON. RICK W. ALLEN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I'd like to pay my respects to the late J. Roy Rowland, a pillar of our community who passed away on April 25, 2022, returning home to the Lord after 96 years of a life well lived.

Dr. Rowland was born in Wrightsville, Georgia in 1926. He served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and practiced medicine in the middle Georgia area for 28 years.

Dr. Rowland later served his community both in the Georgia state legislature and the United States Congress, representing Georgia's Eighth District from 1983 to 1995, which included counties in today's Twelfth District.

Dr. Rowland was blessed with a servant's heart—a truth known well by his constituents, family, and all who were fortunate enough to call him "friend."

Dr. Rowland's passion for service persisted for decades after his retirement from Congress.

Ask any Member who followed him, and they will tell you they often fielded calls from Dr. Rowland seeking assistance with a constituent issue, tour request, or requesting support on a local issue.

Such was his lifelong dedication to the community.

In Galatians 5:13, the apostle Paul calls on us to serve another in love. We serve God by serving others.

Few men have heeded the apostle's call more thoroughly or more happily than Dr. Rowland during his 96 years on earth.

A true public servant, may he rest in peace.

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HONORING BILL JONES

**HON. VAN TAYLOR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Bill Jones, the former Executive Director of the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce. Following a distinguished thirty-eight-year career in public service, a grateful community thanks Mr. Jones for his leadership and dedication.

Prior to role with the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce, Bill served for an impressive thirty years as President and Executive Director of chambers and economic development organizations in various municipalities including those of Grove, Oklahoma; Branson, Missouri; Dumas, Texas; Rosenberg-Richmond, Texas; and Bonham, Texas. Bill's steadfast leadership generated financial and membership growth in each of these organizations enhancing their effectiveness and ability to serve members of the community.

Mr. Jones would go on to enjoy a brief two-year retirement in Bonham, Texas where he spent his time managing the Fannin County Multi-Purpose Complex, a facility which he was instrumental in developing.

Shortly after moving to Melissa, Texas, on January 6, 2014, Bill would come out of retirement to begin his tenure as the Executive Director of the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce. Due to his vast knowledge and experience in economic development, he would guide the Chamber during a pivotal time of rapid growth.

Bill Jones is highly esteemed within the community as evidenced by his election as the first President of the Trails of Melissa Homeowners Association, appointment to the Texas Chamber of Commerce and Business Executives, and role as the Community Partner for McKinney Buick GMC.

Now as he enters retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in commending Bill Jones for his many efforts and his dedication to serving the Melissa business community.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF KAREN SMITH

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life of Karen S. Smith of Gloversville, New York. Karen was an active member of the Fulton County community, and she will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Karen was born on December 22, 1946 in Indiana. She graduated from Gloversville High School and attended SUNY Brockport. Karen then obtained her master's degree in reading education from the College of St. Rose. After graduation, Karen began her career as a teacher dedicated to serving some of the youngest members of the Fulton County community. She taught at many schools throughout New York, including Mt. Carmel Elementary School, in the former Oppenheim-Ephratah Central School District, the Tryon School, and in the Greater Amsterdam School District. Karen's commitment to improving her community was evident through her teaching, and Fulton County is better off because of her service.

Karen was an integral part of the Fulton County Republican Committee for over twenty-five years. During that time, she served as the committee secretary, a state committeeman, and the chairwoman of the Gloversville City Committee. She also loyally served as the president of Fulton County Women's Republican Committee and as the president of the New York State Federation of Republican Women. Additionally, Karen was an active member in the Fulton County Republican Chairman's Club and the Fulton County Republican Club. Karen brought much needed leadership to all of her roles and shared her extensive expertise with the Republican Party of New York.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I thank and honor Karen Smith for her incredible life of service and extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the entire Fulton County community.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLOTTE KLEEMAN

**HON. MIKE GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, memory, and legacy of a great Californian and one of the great philanthropists in California's 25th District, Charlotte Kleeman. A devoted servant to her community, a loving wife, and an amazing mother, Charlotte exemplified what it means to give back and live your life in the service of others.

Like many who are blessed to call the 25th District home, Charlotte was not a native of Santa Clarita. Born in Chicago and raised in North Hollywood, she came to Santa Clarita in 1965 with her family, where she wasted no time in immersing herself in the philanthropic community. Throughout her life, she served on the board of the local Child and Family Center, Boys and Girls Club, Foundation for Children's Dental Health, and Samuel Dixon Family Health Center, in addition to serving on the Foundation committee for College of the Canyons and as an ambassador to the local Chamber of Commerce.

Both Charlotte and her late husband Frank, were recognized as Santa Clarita's Woman and Man of the Year in 1996 and 2002, respectively. Even after earning this prestigious award recognizing her lifetime of contribution to charitable causes in her community, she was still driven to continue finding ways to give back in any way that she could. Her contributions to the many non-profits and organizations in our valley are immeasurable, and our city is a better place because of her efforts.

I have long held the belief that charity is one of the most important moral cornerstones of our great nation. There are few things more honorable than living your life in the service of others, and Charlotte Kleeman is the benchmark for what it means to give back, help others, and blaze a trail of light that touches countless lives. We will always remember her service to the Santa Clarita Valley, and we will continue to honor her memory through acts of charity and by helping those in need.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MARC BARONCINI ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Marc Baroncini of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Marc's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Marc brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Marc participated in community service for Zoar Lutheran Church. He competed in cross country and track and field, earning a varsity letter in both sports. After graduating Perrysburg High School in 2021, Marc went on to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in New York.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marc Baroncini on his

offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Marc will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LT. JIMMY "COTTON" MCCOY**

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Lt. Jimmy L. "Cotton" McCoy, Retd., a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War who folded his earthly tent and transformed to eternal rest on Monday morning, May 23, 2022, after a period of declining health. Cotton, as he was universally known, was born the third of six children to Noel and Katie Putt McCoy. Growing up on Canal St. in east Tupelo, he attended Lawhon School, graduated from Tupelo High School in 1965 and attended ICC for two years.

Cotton answered the call of his country and served in the U.S. Army during the heart of the Vietnam War. He was a mortar man with the 173rd Airborne Division and a paratrooper. For his bravery and courage, he received many medals including the Bronze Star—declining a Purple Heart because he felt others deserved it more than he. Determined to continue in public service, Cotton graduated from the Miss. Law Enforcement Academy and became a police officer for the City of Tupelo. For 35 years, Cotton became a beloved figure among the citizens as a motorcycle cop and street patrolman. He always tempered justice with mercy whenever possible and was a strong mentor/teacher for many young people who just needed a steady force and guidance to get back on track in life.

Cotton retired in 2006 with the rank of Lieutenant. A great southern storyteller, Cotton endeared himself to family and friends with his yams and clever personality. He never met a stranger and loved being a citizen of Tupelo and Lee County. Cotton was a lifelong member of the East Heights Baptist Church, a Mason and Shriner, an avid gardener and gun collector.

Cotton was a dedicated servant of God, country, and state. My prayers will be with those mourning his loss.

**RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. VASTOLA**

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, on Friday, May 27th, Alfonso and Rose Marie Vastola of King George, Virginia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were joined by family and close friends to celebrate the occasion.

Alfonso and Rose Marie met in Newark, New Jersey at an Italian-American club dance in the neighborhood where Rose Marie grew up shortly after Alfonso immigrated to the United States from Italy. They were married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vailsburg, New Jersey in 1972 and were blessed with one daughter, Maria.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Alfonso and Rose Marie on this exciting occasion. Happy 50th wedding anniversary.

**REMEMBERING JOHN A. DUTRA**

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise along with Representatives KHANNA and LOFGREN, to recognize the life of John A. Dutra, former member of the California State Legislature, Vice Mayor, and 10-year member of the Fremont City Council, who passed away on May 29, 2022.

A son of immigrants, John was raised in Oakland and began his career as an engineer in the private sector and then worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

While working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, John began working part-time as a realtor at California Realty. In 1972, John moved to Fremont to begin his own company, John A. Dutra Realty, which expanded to a large presence in Pleasanton with over 95 agents. The company would later open offices in Castro Valley, Livermore, and Tracy, and became the Number One Real Estate Company in the East Bay. The company flourished as a real estate development and investment firm.

During this same period, John was appointed to the Fremont Planning Commission, where he served four years, followed by the Fremont City Council, where he served ten years. He vigilantly oversaw the city's fiscal status while pushing for new social services, including the construction of the city's first homeless shelter and one of the city's first affordable housing projects.

John was subsequently elected to the State Assembly, and during his six-year tenure was a member of numerous standing committees, including, Budget, Housing and Community Development, Judiciary, and Insurance. He also chaired the Transportation, Information Technology, and Veteran Affairs Committees. Among other accomplishments, he led the funding for the retrofitting of the east and west spans of the Bay Bridge and secured over \$1,000,000 to retrofit the historic Mission Church in Mission San Jose.

Beyond his impressive public service and private sector career, nothing was more important to him than family. John is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bernadine F. Dutra; his children, John, Cynthia, Anthony, Dominic, and Diana; his 13 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Bernadette.

His dedication to his family and service to his community was always at the forefront of his mind and a trait that lives on in his family and every life he touched. John will be remembered by all those he impacted by his strength, brilliance, vision, and heart.

HONORING MICHAEL BITTEL FOR HIS DEDICATION TO SERVING THE NORTH COUNTRY BUSINESS COMMUNITY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Bittel for his hard work and advocacy on behalf of the Adirondack business community. Since 2018, Mr. Bittel has led the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, the ARCC, as both the president and CEO, and now, after years of dedication, Mr. Bittel is retiring.

Throughout his extensive career, Mr. Bittel has prioritized supporting local businesses and his community's health and well-being. Prior to his current role at ARCC, Mr. Bittel served as COO at Hometown Healthcare and Co-CEO of the King Arthur Flour Company in Vermont. Mr. Bittel has served on the Boards for the March of Dimes New York, the Glens Falls Hospital, and the Northwest New York Salvation Army. In his latest position as president of the ARCC, Mr. Bittel has often devoted ten-to-twelve hours each day to ensure smooth, continued operations of the Adirondack region's small businesses.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects have proven to be exceptionally difficult on small businesses and neighborhoods across the country and throughout the Adirondacks, but Mr. Bittel presented himself as a strong leader in the face of difficulty. He worked to support struggling businesses in the height of the pandemic, advocated for proper funding for restaurants, and provided guidance for seasonal businesses in the midst of confusing and trying times. Throughout each new obstacle over the past several years, Mr. Bittel stepped forward as a chief advocate for businesses in his region.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the retirement of Michael Bittel. His dedication to public service and tireless support of small businesses in the Adirondacks has been essential to the North Country's ability to thrive during these unprecedented times. I wish him a happy and blessed retirement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF AIDAN SWARTZ ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Aidan Swartz of Sylvania, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Aidan's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. At-

tending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Aidan brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, Aidan participated in Leadership Academy and Football Leadership. Throughout high school, Aidan played football earning his varsity letter and becoming team captain. After high school, he attended the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Aidan Swartz on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Aidan will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

**HONORING MR. BONARD MACE**

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Bonard Mace, a distinguished Superintendent from my district who is retiring this year after a career of service.

Mr. Bonard Mace is a dedicated educator of 39 years, who served as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Hoxie, Westside, Nettleton, and Gosnell school districts. He is retiring as the Superintendent of Gosnell after also serving as an Assistant Principal, High School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Mace devoted his careers to his students and played an essential role in teaching and preparing the next generation to be leaders and public servants. His hard work and dedication is invaluable in our communities, and I am certain the First District is better because of his service.

**FL-16 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS**

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage, and dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Twelve years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement

Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Lt. Sean Felton, Deputies Kelsey Belloise, Timothy Downey, Hugo Garcia, Grace King, Alexander Nikias, Monica Ruiz, Todd Sellitto, Logan Wilson and Robert Wildt of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Lt. Phillip Waller and Sgt. Aaron Pilant of the Bradenton Police Department; Officer Chris Bennett of the Holmes Beach Police Department; Deputies Maria Gillum and Rafael Ortegon, and Detective Derek Pollock of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Assistant Chief Josh Cramer and Detective James Curulla of the Bradenton Police Department; Barbara Ehrhart of the Florida Highway Patrol; Detective John Lake of the Sarasota Police Department; Lt. Christopher Montalbano of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Preservation of Life Award: Deputies Ryan Banning, Michael Beers, Leonel Garcia, Zameul Sanchez Garcia, Kyle Kaskiw, Joshua Langieri, Micah Osornio, Benjamin Quick, Grant Weisman, and Detective Scott Williamson of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Detective Vincent Diorio of the Palmetto Police Department; Officers Adam Bearden, Whitney Bentz, Ridge Collins, Terry Crenshaw, Timothy Dederick, Julius Gonzalez, Nathan Lynn, Molly Spencer, and Officer Eric Urbain of the Sarasota Police Department.

Unit Citation Award: Lt. Mark Morie, Sergeants Seamus Dwyer, Stephen Ives, Brian Quiles, and Theron Robinson and Detectives Bryan Lake, Carmine Luper, Steven Luke, and James Parrish of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Children Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and Technical Services Unit; Sergeants Stephen Barron and Paul Bulso, Detectives Kelsey Belloise, Ernest Bichsel, Keith English, Philip Fellows, Lucas Freitas-Ferreira, Cody Hobbs, Grace King, Jeremy Martin, Matthew Schwartz, and Austyn Shear of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division Tactical Unit; Sergeants Sean Carter and Jonathan Misiewicz, Officers Nicholas Bernier, Brenton Bieker, Jarrod Chapman, Timothy Dederick, Giovanni Gonzalez, Julius Gonzalez, Nicholas Laquidara, Nathan Lynn, Aaron Modrow, Jordan Osinga, Elise Schanley, Lauren Stevens, Eric Urbain, Becky Worthington, and Alfonso Varlaro of the Sarasota Police Department Patrol Shift 2A Unit.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATION ACT**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Electronic

Transmittal of Legislation Act, which would permit the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia to transmit legislation to Congress in the form of the Chairman's choosing, including in electronic form. This bill would modernize the method D.C. legislation is transmitted to Congress. I introduced a similar version of this bill earlier this year.

The D.C. Home Rule Act (HRA) requires the Chairman to transmit legislation to Congress for a review period before the legislation may take effect. The legislation takes effect after a review period, unless a resolution of disapproval is enacted into law during the review period. While the HRA is silent on the method of transmittal, House and Senate precedent require that the legislation be physically transmitted to Congress. Physical transmittal imposes costs in terms of time on the Council, the House and Senate Parliamentarians, the Speaker, the President of the Senate, the House clerk, the Senate Secretary, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The Council engages in a 12-step process to comply with the physical transmittal requirement:

Step 1: Write individualized cover letters.

Step 2: The Chairman physically signs the cover letters.

Step 3: Arrange a time to get the cover letters from the Chairman.

Step 4: Print two copies of the bill and two copies of the committee report to deliver to the Speaker and to the President of the Senate.

Step 5: Arrange a time for delivery to the Speaker's office.

Step 6: Arrange a time for delivery to the President of the Senate's office.

Step 7: Arrange for two D.C. employees to drive to the Capitol. (Two staffers are required because parking restrictions require a driver and a delivery person.)

Step 8: Drive to the Capitol.

Step 9: Deliver the documents to the Speaker's office and get a signed receipt.

Step 10: Deliver the documents to the President of the Senate's office and get a signed receipt.

Step 11: Assign the congressional review period based on the receipts.

Step 12: File the receipts.

The aftermath of the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol highlighted the burdens of physical transmittal. After temporary fencing was installed around the Capitol, D.C. employees could not enter the Capitol, delaying transmittal until D.C. employees and congressional staff developed a workaround. D.C. employees and congressional staff met outside the fencing so the D.C. employees could physically transmit the legislation.

Today, when we live in the era of e-mail, there is no reason to continue to require an increasingly ancient process, when these documents could be transmitted electronically instead, saving a tremendous amount of time and effort.

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense bill.

## RECOGNIZING MICHIGAN'S CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Caribbean American Heritage Month to celebrate the contributions of Caribbean-Americans to Michigan's 13th Congressional District and all across our Nation.

National Caribbean American Heritage Month was first recognized in 2005. This was the culmination of many years of efforts by organizations around the world to spotlight the numerous contributions to our Nation. Caribbean Community Services, a nonprofit organization based in Detroit, Michigan, has proudly uplifted that history. They routinely host numerous events that celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean and its impact on our communities in southeastern Michigan. I am incredibly proud of the important work Caribbean Social Services undertakes to foster diverse and welcoming communities. I especially want to highlight their leadership in ensuring these contributions are recognized and valued as we celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month.

Please join me in recognizing National Caribbean American Heritage Month and the contributions of Caribbean Americans across our Nation and the 13th Congressional District.

## CONGRATULATING THE CRYSTAL RESTAURANT ON ITS DESIGNATION AS A HISTORIC BUSINESS

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Crystal Restaurant in Watertown on its rich history and its special designation as a historic business. The Crystal has been named to the New York State Historic Preservation Registry as they have been operating for over fifty years and contribute tremendously to the Watertown community.

The Crystal Restaurant is Watertown's oldest restaurant, opening in 1925 under the ownership of brothers Dennis and Jerry Valanos. In 1928, The Crystal hired Otto Dephtereos as chef. Fifteen years later, Otto and his brother Nicholas, took over and purchased The Crystal. After Otto's son, Joseph, a radio gunner on a B-24 bomber during World War II, returned from England, he and his brother, Leo, took over The Crystal. Today, Peter Dephtereos, along with his wife and brother, manage the restaurant and maintain the beloved traditions of The Crystal.

For many decades, the Dephtereos family has stewarded the oldest restaurant in Watertown and preserved timeless traditions, like the "Tom and Jerry" cocktail. The Crystal remains a thriving tribute to the history of Watertown. It is home to one of the last stand-up bars in the country and even boasts a cash register that rang up President Franklin Roosevelt's bill in the 1930s. Few things have changed at the restaurant, and The Crystal

prides itself on being a fixture in Watertown's history.

The Crystal is an incredible North Country establishment and has been an important asset to the Watertown community for over nine decades. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to celebrate the rich history of The Crystal Restaurant and congratulate it on its designation as a historic business on the New York State Historic Preservation Registry.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH CANFIELD ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Canfield of Bryan, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Elizabeth's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our Nation's military academies offers the opportunity to serve our country and receive a world-class education. At the same time, these young men and women undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Elizabeth brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Bryan High School in Bryan, Ohio, Elizabeth participated in student government, show choir, and was a member of acapella choir. Throughout high school, Elizabeth was involved with cross country and swim and dive, earning a varsity letter in both.

After graduating Bryan High School in 2018, Elizabeth enlisted in the United States Air Force and attended the Community College of the Air Force, majoring in Human Resource Management. She then went on to attend the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Elizabeth Canfield on her offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Elizabeth will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she continues her service to our Nation.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PAT CARR

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 3, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of

Mr. Joseph Patrick “Pat” Carr who passed away Saturday, May 28, 2022 at the Courtyards Nursing Facility in Fulton at the age of 77.

Pat was born in Tupelo on September 19, 1944 to Joe F. and Cecilia Gusmus Carr. He was raised in Saltillo and graduated from Saltillo High School in 1963. While in School, he was on the basketball and track teams. Pat attended Barber College in Jackson. He was the co-owner of Saltillo Barber Shop until George Partlow retired and Pat became the

sole owner. Over the course of his career, Pat worked at Tupelo Auto Sales and was also the owner of Rebel Raceway Go Kart Track from 1964 until 2005 and the owner of Pine Ridge Speedway from 1991 until 1997.

In 1975, Pat joined the National Guard 155th Armed Brigade. He served as a helicopter door gunner and mechanic. Pat will be well remembered for the 25 years he served as Justice Court Judge for the Northern District. He was also a member of the Tombigbee Electric Power Association Board for 27 years.

On June 21, 1964, Pat married his sweetheart, Josie Marie Ford at St. James Catholic Church. They enjoyed many happy years together. Pat loved talking to people. He was a true patriot and proud of his Confederate heritage. Pat was an active member of Saltillo First United Methodist Church and an avid collector of classic automobiles. His greatest joy was found in his sons and grandchildren.

Pat was a dedicated servant of God, country, and state. My prayers will be with those mourning his loss.